mortality is ! Posthumus, thy head, which now is growing upon thy shoulders, shall within this hour be off; thy mistress enforced ; thy garments cut to pieces before thy face '[2]: and all this done, spurn her home to her father[3]: who may, haply, be a little angry for my so rough usage: but my mother, having power of his testiness, shall turn all Into my commendations. My horse is tied up safe : Out, sword, and to a sore purpose ! Fortune, put them into my hand ! This is the very description of their meeting-place; and the fellow dares not deceive me.

*[Exit**

SCENE II.

Before the

Cave.

Enter, from the Cave., BELARIUS, GUIDERIUS, ARVIRAGUS, and IMOGEN. BEL.

You are not well: *[To IMOGEN."}* remain
here in the cave;
We'll come to you after hunting.

Imperseverant may mean no more than *perseverant,* like *im-bosomed, impassioned, im-masked.* STEEVENS.

[2] —before THY face:] Posthumus was to have his head struck off, and then his garments cut to pieces before his face ! We should read—her face,, i. e. Imogen's : done to despite her, who had said,, she esteemed Posthumus's garment above the person of Clot en. WARBURTON.

Shakspeare, who in The Winter's Tale, makes a Clown say: " If thou'lt see a thing to talk on after thou art dead/[1] would not scruple to give the expression in the text to so fantastick a character

as Cloten. The garments of Posthumus might indeed be cut to pieces *before his face,* though his head were off; lio one, however, but Cloten, would consider this circumstance as any aggravation of the insult. MALONE.

3—spurn her home to her father;] Cloten seems to delight in rehearsing to himself his brutal intentions; for all this he has already said in a former scene; "—and when my lust hath dined,—to the court I'll knock her back, foot her home again.'*

STEEVENS

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